

line 19, delete "indicated at";

line 19, after "10" delete ", ,";

line 21, delete ". which is indicated at".

Page 8, line 6, delete "7".

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4, and add the following new claims:

--5. A process for producing hot-rolled aluminum strip for can making,

comprising the steps of:

feeding a feed material into a reversing roughing stage to form a strip;

finish rolling the strip immediately after the roughing stage in a number of

hot rolling passes;

suppressing recrystallization of the rolled strip by controlled temperature management of the strip so that last of the hot rolling passes are carried out without recrystallization on a reversing roll stand from coil to coil in a non-critical temperature range of 260°C to 280°C;

coiling the strip into finished coils; and

feeding each finished coil to a continuous pusher type furnace for heat treating the finished coils to a recrystallization temperature of 315°C-320°C.

6. A process according to claim 5, wherein a last three hot rolling passes are carried out without recrystallization.

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7. A plant for carrying out a process for producing hot-rolled aluminum strip for can making, comprising:

a reversing roughing stage for aluminum feed material which is used hot, the roughing stage producing rough strip;

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means for finish rolling the rough strip, the finish rolling means including a four-high reversing roll stand and a respective winding device arranged on each side of the roll stand for coiling the strip;

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means for heat treating the finish coiled strip, the heat treating means including a pusher-type coil furnace and a pallet transport system via which a number of contacting pallets, each holding a coil, is transported through the pusher-type coil furnace by displacement of the pallets; and

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means for transporting the coiled strip to the heat treating means, one of winding devices corresponding with the transporting means.

8. A plant according to claim 7, wherein the plant has a yearly production capacity below 250,000 tons.--